Vocational campus in tribal areas of West Bengal

3230. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALAPANDEY:
SHRI PRAS ANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to establish vocational campus in tribal areas of West Bengal with a view to impart education to girls;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs have two separate ongoing schemes for the setting up of (a) Vocational Training Centres for Scheduled Tribes and (b) Educational Complexes in low literacy pockets for Scheduled Tribe girls. Both the Schemes are in operation in West Bengal and other States of the Country.

(b) The details of the schemes are available in the Annual Report as v ell as on the website (www.tribal.nic.in) of the Ministry.

(c) Does not arise.

Achievements of poverty alleviation programmes

3231. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that achievements in the field of alleviation of poverty in urban and rural areas during the Ninth Plan were less compared to previous Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details alongwith factors responsible therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in order to ease the hurdles being faced in the alleviation of poverty during the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir. Planning Commission in their latest Estimates (1999-2000) have, in fact, indicated a decrease in the poverty ratio in urban as

well as rural areas as compared to that of 1993-94. Details of percentage of population Below Poverty Line in 1993-94 and 1999-2000 are as under:—

Year	Poverty Ratio Rural (%)	Poverty Ratio Urban (%)
1993-34	37.3	32.4
1999-2000	27.1	23.6
Difference	10.2	8.8

(b)and(c) Do not arise.

Construction of houses under VAAY in Andhra Pradesh

3232. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a; whether as many as 5,600 houses are likely to be constructed in Hyderabad district during the year 2002-2003 under Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana;

(b) if so, whether Government have also decided to construct 500 houses in each municipality in Ranga Reddy district under the same scheme;

(c) if so, the latest position in this regard; and

(d) by when, they are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Central subsidy amounting to Rs. 1298.70 lakhs and Rs. 492.30 lakhs for the construction of 4329 and 1641 houses in Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy Districts respectively had been released during the year 2002-2003 under Valmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana.

(d) The houses sanctioned during 2002-2003 in these Districts are likely to be completed by November, 2003 as reported by Housing & Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO).